

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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November 16, 2004

To: All Interested Parties Listed Below:

Draft Resolution T-16898 will be on the agenda of the Commission's December 16, 2004 meeting. This resolution proposes the approval of the California High Cost Fund-B (CHCF-B) Administrative Committee (AC) Fund surcharge from January 1, 2005 and thereafter, until further revised by the Commission

A copy of the draft resolution is available to the public at the Commission's web site at www.cpuc.ca.gov. This Notice of Availability of draft resolution T-16898 also informs you of the availability of the conformed resolution, when adopted by the Commission, at the same website.

Pursuant to Public Utilities (PU) Code 311 (g), this draft resolutions is available for public comments. Comments should be focused on factual, legal, and/or technical errors in the draft resolution. Comments must be limited to five pages in length and shall include a subject index listing the recommendations to the draft resolutions, a table of authorities, and an appendix setting forth the proposed revised findings and ordering paragraphs.

Draft Resolutions T-16898 will be on the agenda of the Commission's December 16, 2004 meeting, which is to be held 30 days from the above mailing date. The Commission may vote on the resolution, or it may postpone a vote until later. When the Commission votes on a draft resolution, it may adopt all or part of it as written, amend, or modify it, or set it aside and prepare a different resolution. Only when the Commission acts does a resolution become binding on the parties.

If you wish to be served by parties filing opening and reply comments, please inform the Telecommunications Division, Public Programs Branch, of the California Public Utilities Commission by **November 23, 2004** of your request by e-mail to mhm@cpuc.ca.gov or by mail to the address noted below. Otherwise, comments on Resolutions T-16898 will be addressed only to the Telecommunications Division as stated below. The date of submission is the date the comments are received by the Telecommunications Division. Parties must serve a copy of their comments to each requesting party, if any, as set forth on the Commission web site on the same date that the comments are submitted to the Telecommunications Division. The requesting party list, if any, will be available on the Commission web site <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov> on November 24, 2004.

Comments must be received no later than December 1, 2004 (which is 15 days from the date of this mailing). Reply comments may be submitted on or before December 6, 2004 (5 days after opening comments are submitted) and shall be limited to identifying misrepresentations of law, fact, or condition of the record contained in the comments of other parties. Replies shall not exceed three pages in length and shall be submitted and served in the same manner as opening comments.

Late-filed opening comments and/or reply comments will ordinarily be rejected. However, in extraordinary circumstances, a request for leave to submit comments or replies late may be filed together with proposed comments/replies. An accompanying declaration under penalty of perjury shall be submitted setting forth all the reasons for the late submission.

Request for comments by parties as well as filing opening comments and reply comments on Resolution T-16898 should be addressed to:

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Please note that Draft Resolution T-16901 will be on the agenda of the Commission's December 2, 2004 meeting. If that Resolution is adopted, then only SBC will be required to file revised surcharge rate tariffs for the CHCF-B AC Fund by December 24, 2004. As noted in Resolution T-16901, all other carriers will be required to file a generic tariff reference to SBC's tariff for the list of Public Program surcharge rate, including CHCF-B AC Fund, and Reimbursement Fee, and the amounts to become effective on January 1, 2005. If the Commission does not adopt Resolution T-16901, then all telecommunications carriers will be required to file new tariff rates by December 24, 2004.

Sincerely,

/s/ JACK LEUTZA
Jack Leutza, Director
Telecommunications Division

Enclosure

Notice letter mailed/mailed to the following parties:

- All Telecommunications Carriers, CHCF-B Claimants, CHCF-B Administrative Committee, and the parties that informed TD to continue to be on the service list of R95-01-020/I.95-01-021.